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SUBJECT: REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF NEW MALAGASY CHIEF OF
STATE

1. AFTER REPLACING THE FORMER MALAGASY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
IN A PEACEFUL TRANSITION ON FEBRUARY 5 LT. COL. RICARD
RATSIMANDRAVA REPORTEDLY WAS ASSASSINATED ON FEBRUARY 11.
UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT RATSIMANDRAVA'S
CAR WAS SHOT AT AS HE RETURNED HOME FROM WORK. OUR EMBASSY
HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A
RELIABLE SOURCE THAT RATSIMANDRAVA WAS KILLED. THE SAME
SOURCE STATES THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET LATER IN
THE EVENING TO NAME A SUCCESSOR. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
EITHER OF THE REPORTED ATTACK OR OF RATSIMANDRAVA'S DEATH
HAS BEEN MADE.

2. WE WILL BE SENDING AN ADDITIONAL REPORT, INCLUDING AN
ASSESSMENT, IF RATSIMANDRAVA'S DEATH IS CONFIRMED. INGERSOLL

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